COLLETON SCHOOL DISTRICT 213 Jeffries Boulevard Walterboro, SC 29488 PK-12 GRADES 6.339 Students ENROLLMENT Charles W. Gale Jr. 843-549-5611 SUPERINTENDENT BOARD CHAIR V. Wayne Shider 843-549-5715 FISCAL AUTHORITY County Council THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA 2004 ANNUAL DISTRICT REPORT CARD ABSOLUTE RATING: AVERAGE Absolute Ratings of Districts with Students like Ours Excellent Average Below Average Unsatisfactory 0 0 9 0 0 IMPROVEMENT RATING: AVERAGE ADEQUATE YEARLY PROGRESS: This district met 23 out of 25 objectives. The objectives included performance and participation of students in various groups and student attendance rate. SOUTH CAROLINA PERFORMANCE GOAL By 2010, South Carolina's student achievement will be ranked in the top half of the states nationally. To achieve this goal, we must become one of the fastest improving systems in the country. FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT WEBSITES AT: WWW.MYSCSCHOOLS.COM

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PERFORMANCE TRENDS OVER 4-YEAR PERIOD

	Absolute Rating	Improvement Rating	Adequate Yearly Progress
2001	Below Average	Below Average	N/A
2002	Below Average	Average	N/A
2003	Average	Average	No
2004	Average	Average	No

DEFINITIONS OF DISTRICT RATING TERMS

- Excellent District performance substantially exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal
- •Good District performance exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal
- Average District performance meets the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal
- Below Average District is in leopardy of not meeting the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal
- •Unsatisfactory District performance fails to meet the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal

PERCENT OF STUDENT RECORDS MATCHED FOR PURPOSES OF COMPUTNG IMPROVEMENT RATING

Percent of students tested in 2003-04 whose 2002-03 test scores were located.

79.1%

PALMETTO ACHIEVEMENT CHALLENGE TESTS (PACT)

Our District Districts with Students like Ours



Mathematics English/Language Arts

Proficient

Below Basic

English/Language Arts

Definition of Critical Terms

Advanced Very high score; very well prepared to work at next grade level; exceeded

Well prepared to work at next grade level; met expectations

Basic Met standards; minimally prepared, can go to next grade level

Did not meet standards; must have an academic assistance plan; the local

Mathematics

board policy determines progress to the next grade level

NOTE: Science and social studies are to be included in the 2005 school report card.

HIGH SCHOOL ASSESSMENT PROGRAM (HSAP) EXAM PASSAGE RATE: SECOND YEAR STUDENTS

		Our District	t	Districts with Students like Ours			
Percent	2004	2005	2006	2004	2005	2006	
Passed both subtests	67.0	N/A	N/A	67.6	N/A	N/A	
Passed 1 subtest	15.1	N/A	N/A	16.6	N/A	N/A	
Passed no subtests	17.8	N/A	N/A	15.8	N/A	N/A	

ELIGIBILITY FOR LIFE SCHOLARSHIP*

Percent of	Our District	Districts with Students like Ours
Seniors eligible for LIFE Scholarships at four-year institutions*	9.9	6.9
Seniors who met the SAT/ACT requirement	9.9	6.9
Seniors who met the grade point average	30.3	35.6
*Using only the SAT/ACT and grade point average requirements		

PACT PERFORMANCE B	Y GRO	UP					
	Enrollment 1st	$\neg \tau$	% Below Basis	. <i>T</i>	$\neg \tau$	Τ.	% Proficient and Advanced
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All Students	3.051	99.3	38.4	42.9	17.7	1.0	18.7
Gender	3,031	33.3	30.4	42.3	17.7	1.0	10.7
Male	1,579	99.1	44.0	41.0	14.3	0.8	15.0
Female	1,472	99.5	32.5	45.0	21.3	1.2	22.5
Racial/Ethnic Group	1,772	00.0	02.0	40.0	21.0	1.2	22.0
White	1,194	99.3	26.9	46.5	24.5	2.1	26.6
African-American	1,764	99.3	46.9	40.2	12.7	0.2	12.9
Asian/Pacific Islander	16	100.0	21.4	42.9	35.7	0.0	35.7
Hispanic	45	97.8	25.0	47.2	27.8	0.0	27.8
American Indian/Alaskan	29	100.0	13.0	65.2	21.7	0.0	21.7
Disability Status			1010			3.0	
Not Disabled	2,586	99.6	35.7	44.5	18.7	1.0	19.8
Disabled	465	97.6	53.6	34.1	11.8	0.5	12.2
Migrant Status							
Migrant	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Non-Migrant	3,051	99.3	38.4	42.9	17.7	1.0	18.7
English Proficiency							
Limited English Proficient	11	100.0	63.6	18.2	18.2	0.0	18.2
Non-Limited English Proficient	3,040	99.3	38.3	43.0	17.7	1.0	18.7
Socio-Economic Status							
Subsidized meals	2,341	99.4	43.7	41.7	14.2	0.4	14.6
Full-pay meals	708	99.0	21.0	47.0	29.0	2.9	31.9
			Mathemat	ics			
All Students	3,051	99.5	39.9	45.2	10.9	4.0	14.9
Gender	2,00						
Male	1,579	99.4	41.9	43.5	10.8	3.8	14.6
Female	1,472	99.7	37.7	47.1	11.0	4.1	15.1
Racial/Ethnic Group							
White	1,194	99.7	29.0	47.1	16.6	7.3	23.9
African-American	1,764	99.5	47.9	43.6	6.8	1.7	8.5
Asian/Pacific Islander	16	100.0	7.1	50.0	35.7	7.1	42.9
Hispanic	45	97.8	36.1	41.7	19.4	2.8	22.2
American Indian/Alaskan	29	100.0	21.7	69.6	4.3	4.3	8.7
Disability Status							
Not Disabled	2,586	99.7	35.3	47.8	12.4	4.5	16.9
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Migrant Status							
Migrant	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Non-Migrant	3,051	99.5	39.9	45.2	10.9	4.0	14.9
English Proficiency							
Limited English Proficient	11	100.0	54.5	18.2	27.3	0.0	27.3
Non-Limited English Proficient	3,040	99.5	39.8	45.3	10.8	4.0	14.8
Socio-Economic Status							
Subsidized meals	2,341	99.6	45.0	44.4	8.5	2.2	10.7
Full-pay meals	708	99.3	23.4	48.1	18.9	9.7	28.5

DEFINITION OF ADEQUATE YEARLY PROGRESS

As required by the United States Department of Education, adequate yearly progress specifies that the statewide target is met for All Students and for the following subgroups: Racial/Ethnic, Subsidized Meals, Disability, and Limited English Proficiency.

Abbreviations for Missing Data

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ACT PERFO	ORMANC	E BY GF	RADE LE	VEL			
	Enrollment 1st Day of Testing	% Tested	% Below Basic	% Basic	% Proficient	% Advanced	% Proficient and Advanced
		Englis	sh/Langu	age Arts			
Grade 3	479	99.0	29.7	45.9	23.7	0.7	24.4
Grade 4	511	99.2	32.3	50.0	16.9	0.8	17.7
Grade 5	526	99.4	42.3	49.4	7.9	0.4	8.3
Grade 6	543	99.3	49.7	36.8	12.7	0.8	13.5
Grade 7	534	99.6	47.7	43.5	8.2	0.6	8.8
Grade 8	472	99.4	42.2	46.6	10.7	0.5	11.2
Grade 3	506	99.2	24.2	39.5	34.2	2.1	36.2
Grade 4	484	99.0	32.2	47.5	20.1	0.2	20.3
Grade 5	507	99.6	32.6	54.7	11.9	0.8	12.7
Grade 6	571	99.1	54.2	35.6	9.2	0.9	10.1
Grade 7	534	99.3	48.4	42.4	8.4	0.8	9.2
Grade 8	455	99.6	35.3	50.3	13.7	0.7	14.4
			Mathemat	ics			
Grade 3	479	100.0	34.9	49.2	12.6	3.2	15.9
Grade 4	511	100.0	35.0	48.4	11.5	5.0	16.6
Grade 5	526	100.0	43.4	46.7	8.3	1.6	9.9
Grade 6	543	99.8	40.2	42.0	13.3	4.6	17.9
Grade 7	534	99.8	57.7	34.7	5.8	1.8	7.6
Grade 8	472	99.8	44.8	50.5	3.6	1.1	4.8
Grade 3	506	99.4	30.0	51.9	13.4	4.8	18.2
Grade 4	484	99.6	31.1	47.4	14.8	6.7	21.5
Grade 5	507	99.8	37.4	47.6	11.2	3.7	14.9
Grade 6	571	99.3	39.9	44.0	12.3	3.8	16.1
Grade 7	534	99.6	54.1	37.1	6.4	2.3	8.8
Grade 8	455	99.6	48.1	44.9	6.2	0.9	7.1

SCHOOLS IN "SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT STATUS"

These schools will be reported in a separate document.

HEAP PERFORMANCE BY GROUP See See	Colleton School District							
All Students	HSAP PERFORMANCE E	Y GRE)UE	$-\tau$. /	\neg	$\neg \tau$	۵ /
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All Students		10,10	/ %	/ Be	/ %	/ %	%	P P P
All Students		" "	/	/ %	/	/	/	/ %
Gender Male			Englis	h/Langu	age Arts			
Male 215 94.9 31.5 32.5 26.0 10.0 36.0 Female 244 99.2 14.5 30.3 31.1 24.1 55.2 Racial/Ethnic Group White 186 96.8 11.2 25.8 37.1 25.8 62.9 African-American 261 97.3 28.3 35.9 24.3 11.6 35.9 Asian/Pacific Islander 3 I/S I/		459	97.2	22.2	31.3	28.8	17.7	46.5
Female	Gender							
Racial/Ethnic Group								
White 186 96.8 11.2 25.8 37.1 25.8 62.9 African-American 261 97.3 28.3 35.9 24.3 11.6 35.9 Asian/Pacific Islander 3 I/S		244	99.2	14.5	30.3	31.1	24.1	55.2
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Asian/Pacific Islander 3								
Hispanic								
American Indian/Alaskan								
Disability Status								
Not Disabled 376 98.4 12.8 33.1 33.6 20.5 54.1			1/5	1/5	1/5	1/5	1/5	1/5
Disabled 83 91.6 68.0 22.7 5.3 4.0 9.3		276	00.4	12.0	22.4	32.6	20.5	5/ 1
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Migrant N/A		03	91.0	00.0	22.1	J.3	4.0	9.5
Non-Migrant 459 97.2 22.2 31.3 24.6 17.7 46.5		NI/A	NI/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	NI/A	NI/A
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Non-Limited English Proficient 455 97.1 21.7 31.4 29.1 17.8 46.9		4	I/S	I/S	I/S	I/S	I/S	I/S
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Female 244 97.1 21.6 36.4 28.8 13.1 41.9 Racial/Ethnic Group White 186 96.2 14.6 33.1 33.7 18.5 52.2 African-American 261 95.8 34.0 40.5 18.6 6.9 25.5 Asian/Pacific Islander 3 I/S		245	04.0	24.7	20.2	10.6	10.6	20.2
Racial/Ethnic Group								
White 186 96.2 14.6 33.1 33.7 18.5 52.2 African-American 261 95.8 34.0 40.5 18.6 6.9 25.5 Asian/Pacific Islander 3 I/S		244	97.1	21.0	30.4	20.0	13.1	41.9
African-American 261 95.8 34.0 40.5 18.6 6.9 25.5 Asian/Pacific Islander 3 I/S	-	186	96.2	14.6	33.1	33.7	18.5	52.2
Asian/Pacific Islander 3 I/S								
Hispanic 6 I/S I/S<								
American Indian/Alaskan 1 I/S								
Disability Status Not Disabled 376 97.3 17.4 40.3 28.7 13.5 42.3 Disabled 83 88.0 69.9 21.9 4.1 4.1 8.2 Migrant Status Wigrant Status Migrant N/A								
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Disabled 83 88.0 69.9 21.9 4.1 4.1 8.2 Migrant Status Migrant N/A		376	97.3	17.4	40.3	28.7	13.5	42.3
Migrant N/A N/B N/B N/B	Disabled			69.9	21.9	4.1		
Migrant N/A N/B N/B N/B	Migrant Status							
Non-Migrant 459 95.6 26.2 37.2 24.6 12.0 36.6 English Proficiency Limited English Proficient 4 I/S		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
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	Socio-Economic Status							
Full-pay meals 197 94.9 19.4 36.6 31.2 12.9 44.1								
	Full-pay meals	197	94.9	19.4	36.6	31.2	12.9	44.1

PERFORMANCE BY STU	DENT G	ROUPS					
		m Passage Spring 2004	•	ty for LIFE arships*	G	raduation	Rate
	n	%	n	%	n	%	Met State Objective
All students	307	91.5%	294	9.9%	413	55.9%	N/A
Gender							
Male	125	93.6%	121	8.3%	198	46.0%	
Female	182	90.1%	173	11.0%	215	65.1%	
Racial/Ethnic Group							
White	143	93.7%	124	21.0%	169	59.2%	
African American	160	89.4%	163	1.2%	236	53.4%	
Asian/Pacific Islander	2	I/S	2	I/S	1	I/S	
Hispanic	1	I/S	2	I/S	2	I/S	
American Indian/Alaskan	1	I/S	2	I/S	3	I/S	
Disability Status							
Not disabled	284	93.3%	272	10.7%	358	64.0%	
Disabilities other than speech	23	69.6%	22	0.0%	55	3.6%	
Migrant Status							
Migrant	N/A	N/A	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	
Non-migrant	301	91.0%	294	9.9%	N/A	N/A	
English Proficiency							
Limited English proficient	1	I/S	0	N/A	0	N/A	
Non-LEP	300	91.0%	294	9.9%	413	55.9%	
Socio-Economic Status							
Subsidized meals	136	87.5%	153	3.9%	224	49.6%	
Full-pay meals	165	93.9%	141	16.3%	189	63.5%	
* Using only the SAT and grade point ave	erage require	ments					

n = number of students on which percentage is calculated

EXAM PASSAGE RATE BY	SPRING 2004	
	Our District	Districts with Students like Ours
Percent	91.5%	90.8%
GRADUATION RATE		
	Our District	Districts with Students like Ours
Number of Students	413	229
Number of Diplomas	231	162
Rate	55.9%	73.5%

Total

2003-04 College Admissions Tests

Math

2003 2004 2003 2004 2003 2004

Verbal

SAT

District	N/A	458		464		922				
State	493	491	496	495	989	986				
Nation	507	508	519	518	1026	1026				
ACT	En	glish	M	ath	Rea	ading	Science		Total	
	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004
District	16.0	17.5	17.6	18.0	17.6	17.9	17.5	17.9	17.4	17.9
State	18.7	18.8	19.0	19.1	19.4	19.4	19.2	19.3	19.2	19.3
Nation	20.3	20.4	20.6	20.7	21.2	21.3	20.8	20.9	20.8	20.9

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DISTRICT PROFILE				
	Our District	Change from Last Year	Districts with Students Like Ours	Median District
Students (n= 6,339)				
First graders who attended full-day kindergarten	85.3%	N/C	100.0%	97.2%
Retention rate	8.9%	Up from 0.1%	6.5%	5.3%
Attendance rate	95.1%	Up from 94.8%	96.0%	96.2%
Students with disabilities other than speech taking PACT (ELA) off grade level	7.6%	op o	3.8%	5.8%
Students with disabilities other than speech taking PACT (Math) off grade level	7.1%		3.8%	5.1%
Eligible for gifted and talented	6.7%	Up from 5.8%	6.7%	11.6%
On academic plans	N/AV	N/AV	N/A	N/AV
On academic probation	N/AV	N/AV	N/A	N/AV
With disabilities other than speech	10.7%	Up from 10.4%	10.7%	10.9%
Older than usual for grade	9.9%	Up from 9.8%	6.5%	5.0%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent &/or criminal offenses	1.8%	Down from 1.9%	1.8%	1.1%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	6.8%	Down from 7.0%	5.3%	9.9%
Successful on AP/IB exams	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV
Enrolled in adult education GED or diploma programs	206	Up from 205	163	157
Completions in adult education GED or diploma programs	27	Down from 54	25	39
Annual dropout rate	6.3%	Down from 6.8%	2.4%	2.9%
Teachers (n= 437)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	41.2%	Up from 38.7%	46.6%	50.0%
Continuing contract teachers	81.5%	Down from 82.6%	84.3%	84.6%
Highly qualified teachers**	92.9%	N/A	91.8%	92.5%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	9.1%		7.6%	4.4%
Teachers returning from previous year	85.9%	Down from 87.4%	88.6%	89.9%
Teacher attendance rate	94.9%	Up from 92.2%	94.4%	94.7%
Average teacher salary	\$37.414	Up 1.7%	\$39.029	\$40.566
Vacancies for more than nine weeks	1.4%	N/C	0.0%	0.3%
Prof. development days/teacher	11.7 days	Up from 10.3 days	12.0 days	12.0 days
District	11.1 days	op nom 10.5 days	12.0 uays	12.0 uays
Superintendent's years at district	2.0	Up from 1.0	3.0	3.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	18.7 to 1	Down from 18.8 to		21.0 to 1
Prime instructional time	88.4%	Up from 86.1%	88.9%	89.5%
Dollars spent per pupil*	\$7,090	Up 0.5%	\$7,090	\$7,217
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries*	55.4%	Down from 56.8%	φ7,030 54.2%	55.6%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	No change	Good	Excellent
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Parents attending conferences Number of schools	94.0% 12	Down from 98.1%	93.5%	97.3%
		No change	6	8
Number of magnet schools	0	No change	0	0
Number of charter schools		No change	-	0
Number of alternative schools	0	No change	0	0
Portable classrooms	48.1%	Up from 12.0%	5.8%	4.3%
Average age in years of school facilities Number of schools with SACS accreditation	32 2	Down from 34 No change	26 4	26 8
Average administrator salary	\$61,906		\$68,452	\$67,300

* Prior year audited financial data are reported.

	Our District	State
Highly qualified teachers in low poverty schools**	100.0%	92.0%
Highly qualified teachers in high poverty schools**	95.2%	91.1%
	State Objective	Met State Objective
Highly qualified teachers**	65.0%	Yes
Student attendance rate	95.3%	No

^{**}NOTE: The verification process was not completed for the year reported; therefore the count of highly qualified teachers may not be accurate.

SCHOOL DISTRICT GOVERNANCE

Board Membership 7 trustees elected to single-member seats

Fiscal Authority Council

Average Number of Hours of Training Annually 11.0 per board member

Percent new trustees completing orientation 100.0%

DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Colleton County School District is a great place for teachers to work and children to learn. The district has implemented standards-based curriculum and instruction in all of our classrooms. We are committed to becoming a data-driven instructional system, focused on results, utilizing best practices to meet the needs of all of our students. As we strive for excellence, we are committed to improving student achievement, parental involvement, communication, staff morale, discipline, and financial resources.

Colleton County School District values its employees and understands that they comprise our greatest strength. We believe that the greatest gift we can provide our students is a highly qualified teacher who experiences a high degree of job satisfaction and professional growth, day in and day out.

Colleton County School District is well known for its outstanding athletic and marching band programs. We will not rest until our academic accomplishments reach a similar status! Our Mission is to become the best that we can be! Colleton County School District is comprised of seven elementary schools, three middle schools, one high school and one career center serving approximately 6400 students. We take pride in preparing our students to be successful in their chosen fields upon completion of our programs.

The school district is very proud of the improvements our students have made on standardized measures of student achievement. The district achieved a 2003 report card rating of average for the first time. When compared to districts with similar students we did as well as any other district in the state. We are also proud to report that our high school students have out-performed districts with students like ours with respect to passing all three subtests on the exit exam for the past three years!

We believe that our students' achievement will continue to improve as we focus instruction and staff development on a highly rigorous standards-based curriculum. We invite the community to join with us in a collaborative partnership to develop the leaders of tomorrow today.

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